

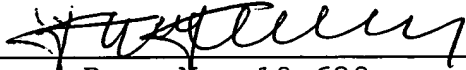
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-10 have been formally amended in an effort to overcome the objections and to place them in condition for allowance. Claim 11 has been allowed.

No issue remaining at bar, favorable reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-11 are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

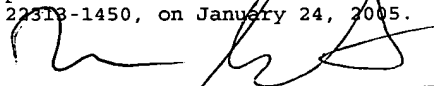
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